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The Honorable Charles L.A. Terreni Chief Clerk **South Carolina Public Service Commission** Post Office Drawer 11649 Columbia, South Carolina 29211

RE:

Application of Wyboo Plantation Utilities, Inc. for Approval of New Schedule of Rates and Charges for Water and Sewer Services

Docket No. 2005-13-WS, ELS File No. 1015-10306

Dear Mr. Terreni:

Enclosed for filing please find the original and one copy (1) copy of an amended **Proposed Schedule of Rates and Charges** and an amended **Notice of Filing and Hearing** for filing on behalf of Wyboo Plantation Utilities, Inc. in the above-referenced matter. These documents correct some material typographical errors contained in the corresponding documents filed last Friday with Wyboo's Application.

Please stamp "received" the additional copy of this letter, and return with the bearer of these documents.

With kind regards, I am

Yours truly,

// John F. Beach

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Attachments

cc: Offic

Office of Regulatory Staff Legal Department, w/a

Mr. Mark Wrigley, w/a Mr. Joe Maready, w/a

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#### PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF SOUTH CAROLINA

#### **DOCKETING DEPARTMENT**

### NOTICE OF FILING AND HEARING

#### **DOCKET NO. 2005-13-WS**

WYBOO PLANTATION UTILITIES, INC. – APPLICATION FOR ADJUSTMENT OF RATES AND CHARGES FOR THE PROVISION OF WATER AND SEWER SERVICES.

Wyboo Plantation Utilities, Inc. ("Wyboo" or the "Company") has filed an Application with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the "Commission") for an adjustment of the Company's rates and charges, modifications of certain terms and conditions for the provision of water and sewer service, and request for Interim Order related to collection of a water service connection fee. Wyboo is a public utility, as defined by S.C. Code Ann § 58-5-10(3) (Supp. 2004), providing water and sewer service to the public for compensation in certain areas of South Carolina pursuant to rates approved by the Commission in Docket Nos. 96-227-W and 97-391-S.

Pursuant to SC Code Ann § 58-5-240 (Supp. 2005) and 26 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-712.4A and 103-512.4A (Supp. 2005), the Company requests that the Commission approve an increase in its monthly water and sewer service, its sewer connection fee, and the establishment of a sewer Plant Impact Fee, and water Connection Fee and Plant Impact Fee. Also, pursuant to 26 S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 103-503 and 103-703, Wyboo proposes a modification to the terms and conditions of service set forth in its Schedule of Rates and Charges. Wyboo requested revisions include the addition of Notification and Account Set-up Charges, provisions regarding the billing of tenants for water and sewer services to comport with current S.C. Code Ann. § 27-33-50 (Supp. 2005), provisions related to the extension of Utility Services Lines and Mains, Toxic and Pretreatment Effluent Guidelines, and provisions clarifying the ownership, operation and maintenance of grinder pumps, step systems and solids interceptor tanks. Additionally, the Company proposes to add language requiring its customers to conduct cross connection testing and to add a charge for same if such inspections are undertaken by the Company to meet the requirements of 24A S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 61-58.7.F.8 (Supp. 2005). The Company also proposes to include a definition of single family equivalent by reference to applicable regulation.

In support of its request for an adjustment in the Company's water and sewer rates, terms, and conditions, Wyboo asserts, among other things, that the proposed water and sewer rate increases are necessary in order that it may provide reasonable and adequate service to its customers, comply with standards and regulations set by the Department of Health and Environmental Control, and other governmental agencies which regulate the environmental aspect of the Company's business, and earn a reasonable operating margin in order to borrow money and attract capital for future improvements. The Company also asserts that the proposed water and sewer rate increases are necessary to preserve its financial integrity and to permit continued investment in and maintenance of its facilities so as to provide reliable and high quality services.

THE PROPOSED <u>CHANGES</u> IN THE RATES AND CHARGES ARE SET FORTH BELOW

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(The complete rate schedule is available from the Company ad the address below and on the Commission's website at <a href="www.psc.state.sc.gov">www.psc.state.sc.gov</a>

## WATER SERVICE RATES AND CHARGES

### **MONTHLY CHARGES**:

<u>Current</u> <u>Proposed</u>

**Residential:** \$18.00 \$67.00

**Residential Swimming Pool:** 

Seasonal Filling Charge (April): \$39.27

Monthly rate (April – September) \$25.00

Irrigation: \$10.00 \$25.00

Commercial: \$18.00 \$80.00 per SFE\*

Commercial/Mobile Home \$18.00 \$60.00 per connected unit

Commercial/Mobile Home Irrigation: \$10.00 \$15.00 per connected unit

## **NONRECURRING CHARGES:**

Connection Fee

3/4" Meter (New Customer)

1" Meter (New Customer)

\$1,425.00 per SFE\*

\$1,622.34 per SFE\*

2" Meter (New Customer) \$2,604.82 per SFE\*

Connection fees for meters larger than 2" are pursuant to contractual agreement between the prospective customer and the Utility.

Plant Impact Fee \$1,600 per SFE\*

Disconnection/Re-Connection Fee \$50.00 per SFE\*

# **SEWER SERVICE RATES AND CHARGES**

## **MONTHLY CHARGES**:

**Current Proposed** 

**Residential:** \$20.00 \$75.00

Commercial: \$20.00 \$88.80 per SFE\*

Commercial/Mobile Home: \$20.00 \$67.00 per Connected Unit

## **NONRECURRING CHARGES:**

Sewer Service Connection (New Customer) \$1,425 per SFE\*

This charge is to reimburse the Company for all costs, including labor and materials associated with establishing the initial service connection.

Plant Impact Fee (new customer) \$1,600 per SFE\*

Disconnection/Re-Connection Fee \$250.00 per SFE\*

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In order for testimony and evi will be held in the Commissio Dr., Columbia, S.C. on	on's Hearing Room, Synergy	Il interested parties, a public hearing Business Park, 101 Executive Center a.m.
the Docketing Department and	d John F. Beach, Esquire, El South Carolina 29202 on or b	the hearing should notify, in writing, lis, Lawhorne & Sims, P.A., Post before, sentation.
Any person who wishes to exp testify at the hearing should su before	ubmit those views to the Doc	le or does not desire to appear and eketing Department, in writing, on or
Any person who wishes to par examination should file a Peti Practice and Procedure, on or	tion to Intervene in accordan	arty of Record with the right of crossnee with the Commission's Rules of <b>2006.</b>
Persons seeking information a in Columbia at 803-896-5100.	bout the Commission's Proc	cedures should contact the Commission

Public Service Commission of South Carolina Attn: Docketing Department Post Office Drawer 11649 Columbia SC 29211